

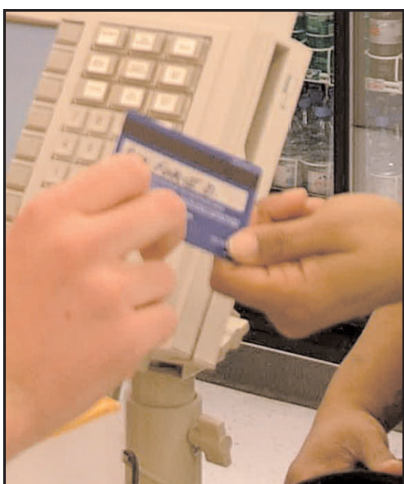


Preparing for the worst

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Chris Smith



***A new place to buy
government supplies
comes to Buckley.***

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A stack of various newspaper clippings and articles, including one titled "Ling" and another titled "Paying for the B... of the E... of the S...". The clippings are scattered and overlapping, showing different sections of newspapers with text, photos, and headlines.

Take a look at the notable events that happened on and around Buckley throughout the past year

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***Buckley Viewpoint:* A second chance for Buckley**

Buckley Viewpoint

Second chances

Space wing stand up gives Buckley opportunity to set manpower shortages right

By Lt. Col. Christopher McLane
460th Civil Engineer Squadron
commander

It is inevitable that we will always have more on our plates than we can accomplish. Well, Team Buckley has an opportunity to change that statement in the very near future.

When the 460th Air Base Wing was created, an abbreviated process occurred to establish unit manning levels which many feel failed to credit the wing with all the tasks expected of it. As a result the number of military and government civilian positions at Buckley appeared less than those at “standard” Air Force organizations.

We’ll soon have an opportunity to make the case for adequate manning levels during the space wing standup, but it’s important to under-

stand what we as supervisors and members need to do to affect change.

The Air Force, for both military and government civilian positions, base manning on a standard 40-hour work week. For the civilian positions, it is inherently easier to track as they require time sheets each pay period. This information is only as accurate as the submitters make it, however, and I have seen numerous occasions where a civilian employee submits a standard 40-hour timesheet but gives an extra 30 minutes to one-hour-a-day because the work needs to be done. Supervisors know this and respond in kind with compensation time where possible, but it never equals out. Supervisors have the responsibility to ensure those extra hours are tracked. It can be very difficult to convince a manpower official of

the need to increase positions if the unit has not expended any overtime in the last three years!

If overtime funds are not authorized, leadership is aware and accepts what won’t get done, and this can also be documented during inspections, staff assistance visits and routine operations.

The burden is on the supervisor to document additional work hours in order to use this information to adjust manpower standards within the system. Simply saying “we’re really busy” and \$4 will get you a non-fat latte at Starbucks and that’s about it.

One thing we all need to realize is the 40-hour standard is the time permitted for your primary duty. Everyone knows stories of those (or has been one) whose primary duty becomes dwarfed by being the vehicle control noncommissioned

officer in charge, security manager, safety monitor, training monitor and the squadron Christmas party point of contact. Oh, and don’t forget time required (and at least now permitted) for physical training. It is by no fault of the manpower folks we never seem to get enough positions to do the job, the Air Force system is not set up for that.

The point here we need to prioritize our tasks, and track that cost to educate senior leaders and our functional counterparts in the real expense of Buckley’s mission.

So as you step into 2004 starting at an Operational Readiness Inspection and space wing standup, remember the critical need to document and advocate for mission requirements. We owe it to those coming after us—or all anyone will ever have is that expensive cup of coffee.

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Q: I just received my energy bill and was shocked to see it had gone up \$100 from the previous month. This is another example that makes me wonder why

we do not receive Cost Of Living Adjustment (COLA) for living in the Denver Area.

To start, Denver/Aurora are expensive places to live as well as Colorado being an expensive state.

Some more examples are: my car insurance also doubled when we moved here (even with the new insurance law that was passed, my payment only went down \$15 a month.) Our local phone bill, which is \$13.95 a month, turns out to be \$26 after taxes. These are just a few examples of how expensive Colorado can be.

The big question is, is there COLA in the future for us?

A: Great question! CONUS COLA is based on the national average for non-housing expenses for all military housing areas (MHAs.) To receive this entitlement, a MHA must exceed the average cost by more than eight percent. Denver’s cost index is 105.7 percent, or 5.7 percent above the average. Therefore, we do not currently qualify for CONUS COLA.

Although we are not currently entitled to COLA, we may become eligible in the future based on the next annual survey, which has a date yet to be announced.

Thanks for the opportunity to spotlight this relevant issue.

COLA Facts

Cost Of Living Allowance impacts nearly 36,000 members in 44 Military Housing Areas and 36 other counties in the Continental United States.

As a comparison to the national average, the following locations are authorized CONUS COLA: Boston (137.3 percent or 37.3 percent above the average), Chicago (139 percent), Los Angeles (138.2 percent), Washington D.C. (134.7 percent) and New York City (219 percent). These costs are computed annually. (Courtesy of the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee.)

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January 1960: Brig. Gen. Joe Moffit, commander of the Colorado Air National Guard, awarded Aurora’s Man of the Year, a COANG first.

Jan. 4, 1985: Maj. Patricia M. Young becomes the first woman commander of an Air Force Space Command unit - Detachment 1, 20th Missile Warning Squadron.

Cover Story

Emergency crews get crash course

Buckley fire fighters work together with off-base emergency personnel

By Airman 1st Class Chris Smith
460th Public Affairs

It's not often that an aircraft goes down. But if one does go down and it's near Buckley, there's a good chance it could be a military aircraft, most likely an F-16.

The Buckley Fire Department hosted a briefing recently in Hangar 909 to teach civilian emergency coordinators the basics of F-16s and exactly what to do in the event of a crash. Firemen, police officers, state troopers, representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency attended the briefing.

"What we did is put a class together to put a face to names in case of an incident and establish lines of communication for off-base emergency crews," said Tim Ruperto, training chief from the Buckley Fire Department.

Mr. Ruperto said the main thing taught to attendees at the briefing was what they might encounter in the event of a crash.

Capt. Steven Zigan from the Buckley Fire Department put together the entire briefing and was the main presenter. He told attendees about the different military personnel and units who would be on-scene if a plane went down and why each of them would be there.

Mr. Zigan also talked about dangerous materials possibly on a plane and what to do in the event of being exposed to them.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Chris Smith

Emergency coordinators from different agencies in Aurora walk around an F-16 as they are briefed about many different systems the planes have. The emergency workers were at Buckley Dec. 18 to learn mainly about the F-16 in the event of a crash occurring and civilian emergency crews being the first at the scene.

The Colorado Air National Guard's 140th Wing supported the fire department by providing an F-16 for the briefing in the hangar and personnel to brief the attendees. Master Sgt. Jerry Smith, 140th Armament Shop, briefed attendees on the pertinent systems, including munitions found on the F-16.

After they learned about the different systems on the F-16, the attendees got a rare chance to see another F-16, this time with live munitions as Lt. Col. James Fogle, a pilot with the 140th Wing, talked some more about the F-16's systems and different capabilities. He also gave a pilot's perspective on the plane.

Before the briefing ended, the

fire department demonstrated what to do in the event of a plane crash.

During the simulation, they put in action all the precautions and steps to follow that were briefed to the attendees.

"I hope people leave with a better understanding that there are additional serious hazards involved with military aircraft. But they have support from us and now they know how to get it. Hopefully, they'll also leave with a sense of being part of a team," said Mr. Ruperto.

Personnel in the military emergency crews aren't the only people who think it's important for civilian emergency coordinators to learn what to do in case of an off-base aircraft incident.

"The base is located in Aurora," said Terry McClimans, Aurora Fire Department battalion chief. "Our citizens and fire fighters will be exposed to any downed aircraft. It's important that our emergency workers play together."

The Buckley Fire Department wants to continue educating civilian emergency coordinators on what to do in case of an incident.

In the future, the fire department hopes to actually involve the coordinators during exercises so that all the training comes together. But for now, it's enough that they understand the complexity of the F-16.

Buckley to host town hall meeting, discuss upcoming events

Courtesy of
460th Civil Engineer Squadron

A town hall meeting is slated for Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Bldg. 606 auditorium.

Col. Allen Kirkman Jr., 460th Air Base Wing commander, will host the meeting in which topics to be

discussed will focus primarily on Buckley's squadrons and transition from an air base wing.

The following squadrons will have these topics addressed:

❑ 460th Civil Engineer Squadron – Housing privatization, current construction projects and an update on asbestos at Buckley.

❑ 460th Medical Squadron – Joint venture development, the squadron's relocation to the University of Colorado and enrollment at its facility.

❑ 460th Services Division – Different Services programs offered and non-appropriated fund employment.

❑ 460th Mission Support

Squadron – Different mission support programs, deployed spouse's programs and the Integrated Delivery System web page.

❑ 460th Air Base Wing – The transition from the 460th Air Base Wing to the 460th Space Wing.

All active duty members and spouses, DoD civilians, National Guard, reserves

and retirees are encouraged to attend. If you would like to submit a question to be addressed during the town hall meeting, contact Capt. David Wong at 303-677-9261 or email him at david.wong@buckley.af.mil. Submit your questions as soon as possible so answers can be researched for accuracy prior to the meeting.

Envision Xpress opens doors to Buckley

By Airman 1st Class Chris Smith
460th Public Affairs

The Buckley Envision Xpress opened for business to Buckley patrons in early December at Bldg. 14, between the modular buildings and the dormitory.

Envision offers products ranging from office and janitorial supplies to military uniforms, clothing and flight gear to government customers.

Methods of payment accepted at Envision will be current government credit cards, blank purchase agreements (BPAs), Form 9s or contracts.

On top of providing competi-



Photo by Airman 1st Class Taylor Marr

Envision Xpress employees and affiliates, Maj. Roger Neumann, 460th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, and Col. Allen Kirkman Jr., 460th Air Base Wing commander, cut the ribbon during Envision's grand opening.

tively priced products to government customers, Envision is a private, non-profit agency combining employment opportunities with rehabilitation services to individuals who are visually impaired or severely handicapped, according to

Joel Daniel, Buckley's Envision Xpress manager.

The opening of Buckley's Envision will also save people here and the government time and money, according to Col. Allen Kirkman Jr., 460th Air Base Wing

commander.

"Analysis of past purchases made at the Peterson Air Force Base Envision store by 460 ABW personnel indicated that we have made an average of 764 separate purchases at the at the Peterson AFB Envision location per year," said Col. Kirkman during the grand opening. "That totals up to roughly \$65,000 per year in gasoline and GSA mileage charges alone, and a needless waste of approximately 3,056 man-hours every year."

Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. Envision will also be open on Saturdays during National Guard drill weekends from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. In the event a mobilization, the store can be open within two hours of being notified, day or night.

"Customer service will be our number one priority," said Mr. Daniel. "We look forward to serving Buckley."

Blood Drive

Bonfils Blood Center will be collecting blood in the Community Activity Center Jan. 16 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, or to set up an appointment, call 303-677-6108 or 303-677-9337.

STEP Up!

Staff Sgt. Eric Jordan receives his new technical sergeant chevrons from his wife, Kimberly (left) and his mother, Stephanie McCullough (right) as his stepfather, David McCullough watches. Sgt. Jordan was STEP promoted to technical sergeant by Col. Allen Kirkman Jr., 460th Air Base Wing commander as part of the Stripes for Exceptional Performers (STEP) program. Sgt. Jordan is a contract administrator in the 460th Contracting Squadron.



Photo by Tech Sgt. Steven Smith

Blotter Entries

Alarm Activation

Location: Bldg. 442, Security Operations Center

The law enforcement desk received an alarm from Bldg. 442. One patrol was dispatched for assistance. When security forces arrived on-scene, they made contact with a military member in the building who said she would step outside. Security forces conducted a sweep of facility with negative findings. The response was terminated and the cause of the alarm was undetermined. Personnel had previously established a work order on alarms.

Fire Alarm

Location: Bldg. 1005, Colorado Army National Guard

The fire department notified the law enforcement desk that an engine responded to Bldg. 1005 for a fire alarm. Two patrols were dispatched for assistance. The fire chief terminated the response after it was determined that working

HVAC personnel caused the alarm.

POV vs. Fixed Object
Location: Bldg. 201, Security Forces Dog Kennels

A security forces member notified the law enforcement desk of a minor vehicle accident at Bldg. 201, the Kennels. One patrol was dispatched for assistance. The driver completed a minor vehicle accident worksheet. The alert photographer was dispatched and took 29 digital color photographs.

Fire Alarm

Location: Bldg. 28, Dormitory

The fire department notified the law enforcement desk that an engine responded to Bldg. 28, the dormitory for a fire alarm. One patrol was dispatched for assistance. The fire chief stated the alarm was caused by unknown reasons and terminated the response.

POV vs. POV, Hit and Run
Location: Aerospace Data

Facility Parking Lot

A Buckley civilian notified the law enforcement desk that a minor vehicle accident had taken place in the ADF parking lot. Two patrols were dispatched for assistance and obtained a statement from the caller via a minor vehicle accident worksheet. The damage consisted of a bent front license plate and a broken plastic license plate bracket. Two digital color photographs were taken of the damage.

Confiscated Identification Cards
Location: Bldg. 41, Visitor Center

A security forces member at the visitor center confiscated three identification cards; two expired and one in unusable condition. The ID cards were deposited as evidence at the law enforcement desk.

Base Driving Barment Violation
Location: Bldg. 28, Dormitory Parking Lot

Security forces initiated a traffic

stop on an individual who was previously barred from driving on base. The driver was detained for Article 92 of the UCMJ, dereliction of duty.

Emergency Response
Location: Bldg. 26, Joint Services Bldg.

The fire department notified the law enforcement desk that an engine responded to Bldg. 26, the joint services building for a reported odor of gas. Security forces were dispatched for assistance. The fire chief stated the cause of alarm was not found and terminated the response.



From the halls of the legal office comes the justice files

Courtesy of the 460th Air Base Wing Legal Office

In recent weeks, the Buckley AFB Legal Office processed the following actions:

Article 15s

AWOL, Disobey NCO, Failure to go: An airman assigned to 460th Security Forces Squadron received nonjudicial punishment for leaving his room while on quarters to attend a party he was not authorized to attend. The punishment was a reduction to E-1, 45 days restriction to base and 45 days extra duty.

Assault, Violation Of An Order: An airman first class assigned to the 460th Security Forces Squadron

received nonjudicial punishment for assault and violation of an order. The punishment was a suspended reduction to E-2, 30 days restriction to base and a forfeiture of \$150 for two months.

Failure to Go: An airman first class assigned to the 460th Security Forces Squadron received nonjudicial punishment for failure to go. The punishment was 45 days extra duty, 30 days restriction to base and forfeiture of \$100 for two months.

Courts-Martial

Wrongful use of Methamphetamine: A staff sergeant assigned to the 460th Communications Squadron was acquitted.

Wrongful use of cocaine: An airman basic assigned to the 460th Communications Squadron received a Bad Conduct Discharge, six months confinement, a fine of \$767 per month for six months and a reprimand.

Administrative Discharges

Minor Disciplinary Infractions: An airman assigned to the 460th Security Forces Squadron received a General Discharge for Minor Disciplinary Infractions. The airman previously received nonjudicial punishment for willfully failing to refrain from consuming alcohol as a minor under the legal drinking age of 21

and wrongfully using, with the intent to deceive a false military Geneva Conventions Card. Additionally, the airman received a letter of reprimand for willfully failing to refrain from consuming alcohol while under the legal drinking age of 21.

Minor Disciplinary Infractions: An airman first class assigned to the 460th Security Forces Squadron received a General Discharge for Minor Disciplinary Infractions. He received nonjudicial punishment for failing to refrain from consuming alcohol as a minor under the legal drinking age of 21. He received a letter of reprimand for failing to report to a scheduled

appointment at life skills. He received a letter of reprimand for failing to report to the squadron orderly room for a scheduled weigh in. He received a letter of reprimand for failing to refrain from consuming alcohol while under the legal drinking age of 21.

Pattern of Misconduct and Drug Abuse: An airman basic assigned to the 460th Communications Squadron received a General Discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

Mental Disorder: An airman assigned to the 566th Information Operations Squadron received an Honorable Discharge for having a mental disorder diagnosed by the life skills clinic.

Team Buckley’s 2003 ‘Year in Review’

Courtesy of
460th Public Affairs

Editors Note. The following is not an inclusive effort to garner everything that has happened here at Buckley AFB and the front-range defense community but rather a snapshot of the year.

January

January 2003: Colorado Gov. Bill Owens was sworn in for his second term as governor. As head of the Colorado National Guard, Gov. Owens has responsibility for over 5,000 citizen-soldiers and airmen around the state.

January 2003: 200 members of the Colorado Army National Guard’s 220th Military Police Company were mobilized in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

January 2003: Gen. Ralph E. “Ed” Eberhart, U.S. Northern Command commander visits Buckley Air Force Base and the 8th Civil Support Team. The 8 CST is a high-priority response unit supporting civil authorities responding to a weapons of mass destruction (WMD) situation.

Jan. 10: Cindy Dahlstrom and her daughter Dana won two \$500 gift certificates at the Buckley Air Force Base Exchange as part of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Back-to-School Sweepstakes.

Jan. 22: The Buckley Attic reopened again after it was temporarily closed to relocate to Building 856. The Attic provides household items to military enlisted personnel E-5 and below.

Jan 24-26: The military’s annual snow sports weekend SnoFest was held at the Keystone Ski Resort.

Jan. 30: Buckley’s Health and Wellness Center launches its WarFit program at the HAWC.

WarFit is a program requiring Air Force personnel to exercise at least three times per week and to submit to an annual fitness test.

February

February 2003: Over 350 members of the Colorado Air National Guard’s 140th Wing were activated to support Operation Enduring Freedom. It was the first time the 140th was activated for active-duty since January 1968 where it served in Vietnam.

Feb. 3: Buckley’s 460th Communications Squadron prepares to bring on line new network switching equipment as part of its upgrade to the Combat Information Transport System.

Feb. 3: Members of the Colorado Army National Guard begin augmenting base security forces at the entrance gates to the base.

Feb. 5: Ground breaking ceremonies for the new Physical Fitness Center at Buckley was held. The Center will be a two-story building with racquetball courts, three group exercise rooms, gymnasium, running track, weight room and a cardiovascular work out room. It will cost \$12 million.

Feb. 25: Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Charles C. Baldwin, deputy chief of the Air Force Chaplain Service was the guest speaker for Buckley’s



Photo by Master Sgt. Deborah Smith

Gubernatorial Oath

Colorado Supreme Court Justice Mary Mallarkey swears in Gov. Bill Owens in January of 2003 for a second four-year term as his wife Frances, daughter Monica and son Brett look on.

annual National Prayer Luncheon.

March

March 2003: Air Force Space Command announces it will trim approximately 1,125 employee positions over the next seven years as part of the Air Forces initiative

for three hours.

March 17: A mid-month snow storm dumps nearly four feet of snow on the Denver metro area nearly paralyzing the city for four days.

March 28: Buckley was the recipient of the Outstanding



Photo by Staff Sgt. Christine Castillo

Shove it!

Airman 1st Class Alex Pacheco, 460th Civil Engineering Squadron, helps dig Buckley out of the March 17 snow storm.

to realign more than 13,000 active-duty and civilian manpower authorizations by 2010.

March 2003: Air Force Space Command’s annual Guardian Challenge at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. was cancelled due to limited resources. The competition was slated for May 5-9.

March 2003: More than 100 Marines from the Navy-Marine Reserve Center at the base deploy to Camp Pendleton, Calif. for some refresher training before making final preparations to deploy to the Persian Gulf region.

March 7: The Colorado State Land Board, Buckley Air Force Base and the City of Aurora participated in the formal closing of a three-way land exchange. The \$2 million dollar land deal will allow Buckley to go forward with its housing project.

March 15: Nineteen anti-war protestors were arrested outside the Sixth Avenue Gate by the Aurora Police Department after they blocked the highway. Almost 250 protestors demonstrated at the gate

Federal Project award by the Federal Planning Division for the base’s General Plan, Vision 2020 brochure and the base’s facilities plan.

April

April 2003: The 460th Contracting Squadron receives an Air Force Space Command Contracting Excellence Award for its government purchase card program.

April 1: Gen. Lance W. Lord, Air Force Space Command commander paid the base a visit and hosted a Commanders Call with members of the 460th Air Base Wing.

April 23: Buckley Air Force Base celebrates Earth Day 2003 by planting trees and holding a 5K run and a 10 bicycle race.

April 26: Buckley holds its annual Family Fun Day in Hangar 909. Over 600 people attended the event as part of National Month of the Military Child.

April 30: Over 300 members of the Colorado Air National Guard return home after supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. They flew more than 700 sorties, dropping precision guided bombs, hunting for SCUD missiles and providing close air support for ground forces.

May

May 2003: The 460th Air Base Wing completes its first major Compliance Inspection (CI) since standing up as a wing on Oct. 1,

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Photo by Senior Airman Bradley Church

Paint by numbers

Stephanie Brab, 11, receives a painting on her face, from Staff Sgt. Thomas Thorpe, 460 CS.

Buckley Happenings

Military Personnel Flight

The Military Personnel Flight (MPF) customer service desk will be the home of the new Personnel/Finance customer service desk. This merger will allow all personnel to be serviced at one location rather than two separate offices.

The MPF customer service counter in Bldg. 606 is currently closed while construction takes place.

The estimated date the MPF will reopen is Feb.1.

Until the reopening of the MPF service desk, there are alternate locations for people to get their ID cards.

- ♦Navy Personnel Center, Bldg. 1301 Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- ♦Army Personnel Center, Fitzimmons Bldg. 262, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.

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Military Equal Opportunity

The 460th Air Base Wing Military Equal Opportunity office is giving away free badge holders and lanyards to anyone wanting one. Just visit their office in Bldg. 606, Room 185 and pick up yours.

Units wishing to also have a supply on hand for their personnel may contact 2nd Lt. Shane Skaggs at 303-677-6140.

Family Support Center

TAP Seminar

There will be a Transition Assistance Program (TAP) seminar Feb. 3-6 in the Bldg. 606 auditorium at Buckley from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Resume writing, interviewing, veteran and health benefits and other topics will be covered.

TAP is for transitioning military personnel and their spouses from active duty.

For more information or to register, visit the Buckley IDS web page at www.php-ids.com

Resume Workshop

There will be a resume workshop on Jan. 27 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in Bldg. 606, Room 113 if there is enough interest. You may

bring a resume, but it is not necessary. It is open to military personnel, their spouses and federal employees. Regise on the Buckley IDS web page at www.php-ids.com.

Interviewing Skills Workshop

An interview workshop is scheduled on Feb. 10 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in Bldg. 606, Room 113 if there is enough interest. The workshop is open to military personnel, their spouses and federal employees. It will cover how to interview in a professional manner and appropriate replies of common interview questions. You may register at the Buckley IDS web page at www.php-ids.com.

For more information or to register, call 303-677-6694.

Dept. of Labor Career Services

Every Thursday afternoon, a Department of Labor Veteran Job Service representative will be assisting veterans and transition-

ing military personnel with job search and resume review at the family support center from 1:30 to 4 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 303-677-6694.

Services Division

Vail Resorts are now offering liberty passes for adults and children. These passes are an exclusive military offer for Keystone only unlimited, unrestricted passes for the rest of the season. The adult pass is \$99 and the children's pass is \$69. Military personnel and family members who purchase this pass will need to take the voucher from the information, tickets and tours office to the River Run Pass office (Keystone) with their military identification cards to redeem for a picture pass. For more information contact Carolyn Gaddis in the ITT office at 303-677-6936 or 303-677-6853.

High Frontier Dining Facility Menu (Jan. 9 - 15)

Dining hours

Breakfast: 5:30 a.m. - 8 a.m.; Lunch: 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Dinner: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Midnight Meal: 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
LUNCH	Egg drop soup Pot roast Baked stuffed fish Roast loin of pork Oven brown potatoes Steamed rice Brown gravy Cauliflower combo Succotash Green beans with mushrooms	Creole soup Teriyaki chicken Veal parmesan Salmon cakes Filipino rice Parsley butter potatoes Mushroom gravy Fried cabbage Succotash Mixed vegetables	Cream of potato BBQ ham steak Turkey and noodles Beef ball stroganoff Boiled egg noodles Mashed potatoes Brown gravy Calico corn Spinach Lima beans	Tomato bouillon Herbed baked chicken Stuffed cabbage Southern fried catfish Mashed potatoes Black-eyed peas with rice Peas Sweet potatoes Chicken/turkey gravy Sweet potatoes Mixed vegetables	Italian garden soup Mexican baked chicken Swiss steak w/ tomato sauce Stuffed green pepper Baked macaroni and cheese Steamed rice Vegetable gravy Corn on the cob Spanish style beans Peas and carrots	Pepper pot soup Crispy baked chicken Cajun meatloaf Rib-eye steak Baked potatoes Mashed potatoes Brown gravy Broccoli French style peas Glazed carrots	Cream of broccoli soup Tuna and noodles Sauerbraten Chicken breast parmesan Au gratin potatoes Steamed rice Cream gravy Cauliflower combo Peas Fried cabbage
DINNER	Egg drop soup Chili macaroni Cannelloni beef Southern fried chicken Cottage fried potatoes Mashed potatoes Chicken/turkey gravy Steamed squash Glazed carrots French style peas Short Order: Grilled Polish sausage Steak and cheese sub	Creole soup Country captain chicken Meatloaf Turkey a la King Steamed rice Mashed potatoes Mushroom gravy Harvard baked beans Mustard greens Okra/tomato gumbo Short Order: Sloppy BBQ beef Roast beef sub	Cream of potato soup Lemon herb chicken BBQ spareribs Stuffed pork chops Scalloped potatoes Steamed rice Brown gravy Cauliflower combo Mexican rice Tempura vegetables Short Order: Cheese fishwich Monte Cristo sandwich	Tomato bouillon Roast loin of pork Jaeger w/mushroom sauce Cornish hen Potato halves Orange rice Chicken/turkey gravy Simmered pinto beans Corn combo Short Order: Cannonball sandwich Italian pepper beef sandwich	Italian garden soup Lasagna Spaghetti w/meat sauce Sweet Italian sausage Mashed potatoes Vegetable gravy Broccoli polonaise Cauliflower Italian style baked beans Short Order: BBQ pork sandwich Burritos	Pepper pot soup Fish Almondine Stir fry chicken with broccoli Pork chops w/ mushroom gravy Rissole potatoes Rice pilaf Brown gravy Fried okra Short Order: Buffalo wings Hot Italian sausage sandwich	Cream of broccoli soup Ginger BBQ chicken Fried shrimp Seafood cocktail Spinach lasagna Orange rice Mashed potatoes Cream gravy Black-eyed peas Corn O'Brien Short Order: Cheese pizza Reuben sandwich

Star Performer

Name: Petty Officer 1st Class Bill L. Copeland

Unit: Naval Marine Corps Reserve Center/460th Civil Engineerr Squadron

Time in Service: 18 years, nine months

Duty Title: Commander’s support staff personnelist

Hometown: Caliph La.,

Hobbies: Hunting, Motorcycles, Coin collecting

How do your day-to-day duties contribute to mission success?
I feel that I’m the man behind the scenes, the place that everyone calls, to find out information or ask for help. I’m the support section of the unit that allows the rest of the unit to do its job and function, therefore success would be giving the best customer support possible. In-turn resulting in mission success.

If you could change one thing about the Air Force, what would it be?
Its physical fitness program, it’s come along way but could use a little bit more.

What has been your most memorable experience in the Air Force/Navy?
Passing the Washington Tomb on board a ship which was a solemn moving experience.

Duties, responsibilities and accomplishments:
Ergo monitor, weight program monitor, EPR/OPR monitor, sponsor program, decorations monitor, personal information file monitor. I have brought several programs up to Air Force standards, and created tracking programs for others.



Photo courtesy of Chief Master Sgt. William Armstrong

Petty Officer 1st Class Bill Copeland has been in the military for 18 years and originates from Caliph, La. He works as a commander’s support staff personnelist and enjoys hunting, riding motorcycles and collecting coins.

I have been most fortunate to serve with some exceptional individuals, Cmdr. Gilmore, Senator Adolphson, Chief Warrant Officer Karstine just to name a few. Their mentoring and guidance have meant a lot to me during my career. I wish them the best.

Did you know...

According to TRICARE rules, the following individuals are eligible for military health care system benefits:

- ☐ active duty service members, their spouses and unmarried children
- ☐ uniformed service retirees, their spouses and unmarried children
- ☐ unremarried former spouses and unmarried

children of deceased active duty or retired service members who meet specific eligibility criteria

- ☐ spouses and unmarried children of reservists and National Guard members who are ordered to active duty for more than 30 consecutive days or who die on active duty
- ☐ spouses and unmarried children of those reservists and National Guard members who die as a result of having been injured or having aggravated an illness or injury during, or on the

way to either

- ☐ an active duty training period of 30 days or less or
- ☐ a period of inactive duty training
- ☐ Congressional Medal of Honor recipients and their family members, who are not otherwise TRICARE-eligible, will be able to receive TRICARE benefits as if they were entitled to retired pay.

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2001. The wing did not receive an overall rating since the inspection did not look at operational readiness of the wing.

May 2003: Chief Master Sgt. Rene Simard becomes the 460th Air Base Wings newest command chief.

May 15: The High Frontier Dining Facility reopens after seven months of renovation at a cost of nearly \$1.7 million.

May 22: Nearly 500 people packed the Radison Southeast Hotel in Aurora to honor the military in the Denver-Aurora metro area during the 27th Annual Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon. The event is organized by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce.

May 24: Buckley supports the annual Memorial Day Parade in down town Denver.

May 28: Lt. Col. Danny G. Seanger takes command of the 460th Medical Squadron from Col. Ron Pearson.

June

June 13: Buckley holds its ATWIND Picnic for base personnel.

June 18: The Telluride Gate, near the Base Exchange and Commissary, opens up on the northwestern part of the base.

June 27: The Colorado Air

National Guard dedicates the Air Heritage Wing at the Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum. The event was held in conjunction with the 80th anniversary of the Colorado Air National Guard.

June 30: Col. James A. Sands, 460th Air Base Wing commander retires after 25 years of service with the Air Force. He passed command of the wing to Col. Allen Kirkman, Jr., during ceremonies at Buckley Air Force Base.

July

July 2003: The Colorado National Guard hosts members of the Slovenian military forces at Buckley Air Force Base and guard faculties around Colorado.

August

August 2003: The Air Force announced plans to wear test a new utility uniform to possibly replace the current battle dress uniform.

August 2003: Air Force Space Command proclaims the month of August as Motorcycle Safety Month as part of an on-going effort to maintain the command’s positive trend of no recent motorcycle fatalities due to mishap.

Aug. 22: Col. David Gruber assumes command of the 460th Mission Support Group from retiring Col. Les Brockman.

September

Sept. 2: Personnel and F-16s of the Colorado Air National Guard return to Buckley after operating out of Denver International Airport for the past three months. The runway at the base was closed during a runway-resurfacing project.

Sept. 11: The 460th Air Base Wing hosts the second Patriot Day reveille ceremony at the base.

Sept. 30: The last Titan IV missile built by Lockheed Martin was loaded onto a C-5 Galaxy on the Buckley Flight line today. It was enroute to Vandenberg Air Force Base to be used to launch a satellite into space.

October

Oct. 3: The Buckley Combined Federal Campaign got underway in earnest as the base hosted its first kick-off event. Over 40 different charities and hundreds of base personnel participated.

Oct. 10: The fifth annual Retiree Appreciation Day/Weekend started today at Buckley and ran through Sunday. The day honors front range military retirees from all branches of service. The event helps provide information to retirees that may have overlooked or not realized was there.

Oct. 17: The 460th Air Base Wing broke ground for its new headquarters building. The building is scheduled to be completed in January 2005 and will cost \$8.9 million.

November

Nov. 1: The Air Reserve Personnel Center celebrated its 50th birthday today.

Nov. 1: The Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame inducted the Colorado Air National Guard’s precision jet demonstration team “The Minute Men” into its ranks. The team flew from 1953 to 1959.

Nov. 6: The City of Aurora and Team Buckley honor over 500 local veteran’s during a luncheon in



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jessy Bruno

Welcoming the community

Col. Allen Kirkman Jr., commander of the 460th Air Base Wing, greets the participants of Buckley Air Force Base's Annual Military Appreciation Day Nov. 6, 2003.

Hangar 909 at Buckley. Retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Eric Benken also addressed the enlisted troops at the base.

Nov. 11: Members of Team Buckley spent the day honoring veterans at the local Veterans Hospital and.

Nov. 26: Twenty-one members of the 460th Civil Engineer Squadron return home just in time for Thanksgiving. They had been deployed since July in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

December

Dec. 11: The 460th Air Base Wing Chaplains Office passes out over 650 dozen (7,200) cookies to base personnel as part of its annual Cookie Caper.

Dec. 19: Brandon Flynn is the winner in the *Mile High Guardian's* first Holiday Coloring contest. His award winning cover graced the front cover of the base newspaper.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Taylor Marr

The last snip

The eagerly awaited Telluride Gate was officially opened in a ribbon-cutting ceremony June 18.

Chapters 7, 13

After learning the difference, make an informed decision on which is right for you

Courtesy of
460th Legal Office

The purpose of this article is to provide general information on bankruptcy. With this information you should be able to explore bankruptcy as a possible way to resolve a part of your financial concerns. Since bankruptcy law is complex and changes often, you should use this article for background information prior to seeing a bankruptcy attorney.

What is Bankruptcy?

Bankruptcy is a means to help a person resolve their financial position—to get back on their feet when they are in financial trouble. The most common causes of bankruptcy are either unforeseen medical bills, divorce, or financial irresponsibility.

However, bankruptcy is not a mechanism for a person to be financially irresponsible on purpose and then to try to get rid of all the

debt. The two most commonly used bankruptcy proceedings are either what is called a Chapter 7 bankruptcy (where a person asks the court to forgive all of their debts) or a Chapter 13 bankruptcy (where a person asks the court to approve a plan where the person’s debts are paid out over a period of time). Which chapter (proceeding) an individual chooses is based upon their assets, liabilities and individual needs.

When Should Bankruptcy be Considered?

Bankruptcy should be considered as one alternative to resolving your present financial problems, remembering that bankruptcy is a temporary solution and you need to learn why you’re in your current position and how to prevent it in the future.

Whether you decide to file bankruptcy or not, you should consider making an appointment with the base Financial Counselor who can help you establish a monthly budget and discuss money-saving techniques.

The Legal Mechanics of Bankruptcy.

Bankruptcy begins with the filing of a petition in federal court. You will be required to list of all of your debts, your assets, your income statement, your monthly budget and a snapshot of your financial affairs. Within a month or so the court will set a “meeting of creditors” (referred to as a 341 hearing). This is a court hearing where you will have to appear to determine if you meet the requirements of the chapter under which

you’re asking for relief. A court-appointed person called a “trustee” runs the meeting.

The court grants what is called an automatic stay or postponement of any debt collection efforts. Once the clerk receives the petition, the clerk will issue a notice to all the creditors listed in the petition. The notice informs them that they are prohibited from attempting to collect on debts.

An automatic stay is a very valuable form of relief because it can block foreclosure on a mortgage, repossession by secured creditors, and it can even block collection efforts by the IRS. If a creditor violates the stay order, then the debtor can petition the court for damages, costs and attorney’s fees.

With a chapter 7, the court will issue discharge papers after 120 days from the creditor’s meeting. This completes the process. In a chapter 13, the proceedings are not done until after the payout plan is

-See Bankruptcy, Page 11

Attention Buckley Personnel

The 460th Air Base Wing was recently awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for the period of Oct. 2, 2002 - Oct. 2, 2003.

All 460 ABW personnel (including reservists and civilians) assigned or attached with a unit atleast one day during the award period are authorized the appropriate ribbon.

For more information regarding the wear of the ribbon, contact the military personnel flight at 303-677-9159.

Team Buckley Safety Office Updates

Installation Motorcycle Policy Change

Jan. 1 begins the new installation motorcycle policy where operators and passengers must wear a brightly colored or conrasting vest or jacket (brilliant orange, yellow or green) and reflective material should be tailored into it for operating at night. Garments worn between the waist and neck will be clearly visible and not covered, i.e. with

a backpack or jacket. Maintenance night belts are not sufficient as a reflective requirement and backpacks alone do not meet the brightly colored requirement.

New four-Way Stop

A new four-way stop at the intersection of Aspen and Breckenridge Streets.



Buckley Panthers sharpen claws, prepare for Guardian Challenge 2004

Courtesy of
460th Communications
Squadron

Once again the 460th Air Base Wing's Guardian Challenge teams are honing their skills and getting ready to take a bite out of their competition.

Over the next four months the 460th Security Forces Squadron and the 460th Communications Squadron will be preparing for Air Force Space Command's Guardian Challenge 2004 Competition.

Guardian Challenge is the Air Force's only space and missile competition. The event pits the best space warfighters in Air Force Space Command

against each other, determining the top space wing teams in the Air Force. The competition began 36 years ago and has occurred every year since it's inception except for the 2003 competition.

The Guardian Challenge is held at Vandenberg Air Force Base. This year's event will be held May 2-7.

In April, Guardian Challenge inspectors will visit Buckley to evaluate the Communications team by putting them through their paces during a grueling four-hour scenario. The security forces portion of the event includes marksmanship competitions with the M-16A1 rifle and M-9 pistol, a combat tactics simulation and an obstacle

course. They will be tested during the competition in May.

In Guardian Challenge 2002, the 460th Security Forces Team took second place in the Top Rifle Team category for the M-16 rifle marksmanship. The team also won second place in the Top Marksmanship category, where M-9 and M-16 scores were combined. The 460th Communications Squadron team took second place overall in the Space Communications category with a single point separating them from the first place team.

Good Luck to our 460th Air Base Wing teams as they prepare for Guardian Challenge 2004.

Grey Eagles



Photo courtesy of Chief Master Sgt. Rene Simard

Former Marine recruiter, Beverly Osuch, shakes hands with a recent Airman Leadership School student, Senior Airman Kevin Truong. Mrs. Osuch was one of the first women to enlist in the Marines to serve as a recruiter. In the foreground, Mr. Bob Reedy, a former Army sergeant, shakes hands with Chief Master Sgt. Steven Crocker, 14th Air Force command chief.

World War II veterans from the Christian Living Center led by Chaplain (Maj.) George Meister, affectionately known as the "Grey Eagles", have become cherished members of the Buckley community and ALS.

During each ALS class, students learn valuable lessons from these patriotic World War II veterans.

Sergeant Looksharp says...

Proper wear of the cardigan sweater: Sweater may be worn with or without tie or tab, indoors or outdoors. Sweater may be buttoned or unbuttoned indoors; must be buttoned if worn outdoors. When buttoned, sweater will be completely buttoned. May be worn with all available blue service uniforms to include maternity garments. Will not be worn by hospital and food service personnel in lieu of the white cardigan sweater. Rank insignia: Officers and Senior NCOs wear shoulder mark insignia. All other enlisted members wear metal rank insignia. Center insignia horizontally on the epaulet with bottom of insignia one inch from the shoulder seam. (AFI 36-2903)



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completed (probably about three years).

Affect on Credit.

The reality should be that you're considering bankruptcy because you are already in financial trouble.

For most individuals, bankruptcy puts an individual back in a position where credit is again an alternative. That's because you have fewer debts and creditors recognize that you are not permitted to file for bankruptcy again for several years.

For some individuals, buying a

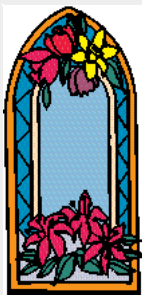
car and house are options within six months. You will probably even be sent credit card applications, just at a higher interest rate than if you had not filed bankruptcy.

Remember, bankruptcy is to help a person get back on their feet. If a person tries to scam the system, criminal and civil penalties

could apply.

If you have any questions regarding bankruptcy, you should consult a bankruptcy attorney.

For you just have general questions, you can call the legal office at (303) 677-6444 to schedule an appointment to speak with an attorney.



**Worship
Services and
Religious
Education**

Protestant

Sunday: Bible study,
9.a.m.; Contemporary
worship service, 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Aerospace
Data Facility Bible study,

11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.,
ADF conference room C.
Wednesday: Singles
dorm fellowship:
5 p.m., dormitory lobby.
The Protestant
Christmas service will be
held Dec. 25 at 4 p.m.

Catholic

Saturday: Confession,

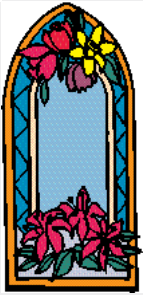
2:30 p.m.; Mass, 3 p.m.
The Catholic Christmas
Mass will be held Dec.
25 at 10 a.m.

Other Faith Groups

Please contact the
base chapel at 303-677-
6411 for information on
local and regional faith
groups.

Special events

*Fellowship
luncheon:*
Second
Wednesday of
each month, from 12 to
12:45 p.m for food, fel-
lowship and a brief devo-
tion.



Buckley Chapel Schedule

Crossword -- Hometown USAF

ACROSS

1. Texas AFB home to 37th TW; aircraft tail marking of LD
8. Hit
11. Church altar
12. Bar drink
13. German for no
14. Road tax?
16. Elevated part of the Earth (abbrev.)
18. Postal abbrev. for state home to 436th AW
19. Automotive maker
22. Former 70-80s band (abbrev.)
25. Dampens
26. South Dakota AFB home to 28th BW; a/c tail marking of EL
30. Lemon drink
31. Japan AB home to 374th AW; a/c tail marking of YJ
32. Head cover
33. Immerses
35. Cat call
36. Late night host
37. Zodiac sign
38. Meaning three
41. Conductor
42. Pod vegetable
44. California AFB home to 412th TW; a/c tail marking of ED
47. Age
49. Actress Laura of Jurassic Park
52. Babylonian measure of length
53. California AFB; home to 60th AMW
57. Snack food
58. Lord of the Rings character
59. Impress letter/design on a book cover
60. Nebraska AFB home to 55 WG; a/c tail marking of OF
61. Texas AFB home to 7th BW; a/c tail marking of DY

DOWN

1. Virginia AFB home to 1FW; a/c tail marking of FF

2. Mock
3. CBS show
4. Barbie’s mate
5. Model Carol
6. Fmr. Kansas senator
7. Japan AB home to 35th FW; a/c tail marking of WW
8. Germany AB home to 86th AW; a/c tail marking of RS
9. Oklahoma AFB home to 97th AMW
10. Actor Sean
15. Smell
17. Former Speaker of the House Gingrich
20. RAF marshal in North Africa (1941-43)
21. Largest member of deer family
23. Military appreciation paperwork (abbrev.)
24. South Carolina AFB home to 20th FW; a/c tail marking of SW
27. Ancient history
28. Roman sun god
29. Article
34. North Carolina AFB home to 23rd FG; a/c tail marking of FT
35. Little lady
37. Virginia Army fort
38. Road material
39. Color in light spectrum between orange and infrared
40. Male offspring
41. Homo sapien
43. Tennessee AFB home to AEDC
45. NBA coach ____ Harris
46. Who’s Afraid of Virginia _____
48. Street equivalent (abbrev.)
49. Spots
50. Greek god of love
51. Truck manufacturer
52. Former name for Tokyo
54. Fink
55. State home to 181st FW; aircraft tail marking TH (abbrev.)
56. Pig’s pen

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By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman

Solutions to last issue’s puzzle...

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